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1. A Soviet diplomatic mission comprising about forty members was established in Hankow in September or October 1949. They occupy the premises of a former Japanese bank, and are guarded by a detachment of People's Liberation Army troops, who salute them when they pass. The Soviets are in civilian dress and use local transport, mostly jeeps.
2. About 15 November 1949 six or seven hundred Russian-made army trucks arrived in Hankow by rail from the north. They were parked and guarded by Chinese troops until about 20 November, when they were reloaded on the railway and sent north again. The trucks were six-wheeled, and near copies of American army transport vehicles. They were of excellent quality throughout.
3. A group of thirty or forty Japanese doctors and medical specialists has been established in a government hospital at Nanchang. They arrived in Nanchang with the Chinese Communist troops and are a part of the government health bureau.

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